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CALTRANS AWARDS CONTRACT FOR THE 60/91/215 PROJECT

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to announce the award of the contract for the 60/91/215 interchange to the apparent low bidding contractor, Washington Group/Obayashi Corporation, a Joint Venture, based in Highland. The awarded construction contract amount is \$186 million. Construction is expected to start later this month.

The bid opening was held on December 4, 2003. The review and approval process was conducted in Sacramento. Washington Group/Obayashi competed against three other contractors.

This being a complex project due to the innovative and new design sequencing method of design construction, made the review and award process take slightly longer than the specified 60 days. The bid package includes 100% of the project concept and scope with a description of the project sequences as they relate to the overall project and all potential work items. Interested contractors based their bids on rough estimates included in the 30% bid package while understanding that 100% of the plans, specifications and quantity estimates will be delivered prior to beginning construction on each of the three sequences.

Using this method allows construction of this project to be completed up to one year ahead of schedule. Caltrans has the benefit of working with the contractor on details and modifications of subsequent sequences while construction is progressing. Design Sequencing expedites project delivery, improves safety, improves project quality and helps reduce costs. Motorists benefit from project improvements much sooner.

The project is funded with federal, state and local funds totaling \$317 million that includes construction and right of way costs. The safety and access improvements will call for the addition of two new freeway-to-freeway connectors, freeway widening, mixed flow lanes to increase capacity, extended carpool lanes and a truck-climbing lane in the Box Springs Grade area of I-215.

Mark Lancaster, Caltrans Project Director and Acting Deputy Director for Design stated, “The Department and our transportation partners are glad to see this project become a reality. The interchange is a critical link between major Inland Empire communities in both Riverside and San Bernardino counties.” When completed in 2007, the 60/91/215 interchange will better serve the over 150,000 motorists who use it daily.

“Keeping this project on track is absolutely essential to our economy, in creating jobs and ensuring a bright future for the region,” said Riverside County Transportation Commission Chairman Roy Wilson.